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West Valley City mourns victims, celebrates survivors during Domestic Violence Awareness Month

West Valley City – On November 26, 2009, 41-year-old Steven was killed by his girlfriend's ex-boyfriend; on October 28, 2005, 25-year-old Jeremiah was stabbed and killed by the brother of his estranged wife; on October 7, 2005, 23-year-old Tyrone was shot and killed by his brother during an argument. Steven, Jeremiah and Tyrone are just three of more than 40 domestic violence victims who will be represented by life-size silhouettes at West Valley City Hall from October 3rd through 6th as part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

In addition to the Silent Witness display, West Valley City's Victim Services Office will host a Candle Light Remembrance Walk and a Domestic Violence Awareness Program, mourning victims and celebrating survivors of domestic violence. On October 4, at 5:30 p.m., the Candle Light Remembrance Walk will begin at Valley Fair Mall (3601 South 2700 West) on the central outdoor plaza, and will proceed across 2700 West to West Valley City Hall (3600 South 2700 West). A brief program will begin at West Valley City Hall at 6:00 p.m.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October 1981 by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect battered women's advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became a special week when a range of activities were conducted at the local, state, and national levels.

For more information about West Valley City Victim Services and Domestic Violence Awareness Month, call 801-963-3223.

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